

ELIZABETH E. V. FIELD.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 729.]

JANUARY 16, 1857.

Mr. ANDREW OLIVER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth E. V. Field, widow of the late Captain George F. Field, of the third regiment of United States infantry, report :*

That they find the facts in this case correctly stated in a report made by the Committee on Invalid Pensions in the House of Representatives, January 30, 1852, and they therefore adopt said report, to wit :

*" The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition and papers of Elizabeth E. V. Field, widow of the late Captain George F. Field, of the third regiment of United States infantry, report :*

*" That it appears that Captain Field was killed while serving with his regiment, on the 21st September, 1846, at the battle of Monterey, in Mexico, leaving the petitioner his widow, and a son now eight years old, unprovided with any suitable means of subsistence ; that under the act of Congress, approved 22d February, 1849, she received a sum equal to his half-pay, (twenty dollars per month,) which enabled her to support herself and son ; but this resource has failed since September last, by the expiration of the law. It also appears that her paternal grandfather was a colonel in the revolutionary war, and at its close breveted brigadier general ; that her father entered the army in 1812, and remained in it until his death, which occurred at New Orleans, July 15, 1845, a period of thirty-three years. His son, a brother to the petitioner, was a lieutenant in the third infantry, served in Florida, and died on his way home, of disease contracted by exposure. That the said Captain Field graduated at West Point in 1834, was in Florida during the war, and participated in the battles of Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and Monterey, and had but four months leave of absence while he held his commission. Her petition states, that in making this application for a small stipend from the gov-*

ernment of her country, she cannot feel that she is soliciting individual charity ; she feels that she is but urging an equitable claim for subsistence for herself and child, after having surrendered to that country a husband, father, and brother ; and the committee think her appeal ought not to be in vain, and therefore report a bill for her relief."

Your committee also urge the adoption of the accompanying bill.